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TO : G - Mr. Robert Murphy

DATE February 18, 1957

FROM : NE - David D. Newsom

DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Status of Discussions with the Saudi Arabians

In meetings on February 17 we resolved differences with respect to the incorporation of present services into the new training program. You will find the agreed language on pages 4 and 5 of the Secret draft supplementary memorandum attached.

The following problems still remain:

1. The Duration of the agreement (paragraph 4 of note)
2. The question of language related to the availability of funds (paragraph 7 of the note)
3. Credit terms (paragraph II A of the supplementary memorandum)
This matter is currently under study in NEA.
4. Language related to differences between Saudi Arabian and U.S. technical authorities (paragraph IV of supplementary memorandum)

I am discussing this today with Mr. Yingling, and we hope to discuss it with Ambassador Wadsworth before raising it with the Saudis.

Sheikh Yusuf has agreed to an exchange of notes here. He must, however, cable the substance of our agreed drafts to the King and Prince Faisal. As soon as he receives the necessary authority from them, he will exchange the notes here.

We will meet them at 5 p.m. today for a further session. I would hope it might be possible to resolve most of the points listed above. Sheikh Yusuf hopes for a final meeting with you before submitting the drafts to the King for his approval. I would hope this could take place tomorrow, February 19.

I am submitting a separate memorandum concerning the still unresolved issue of the November 2 resolution.

cc: NEA - Mr. Rountree

Attachment:

Draft Supplementary Memorandum.

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